

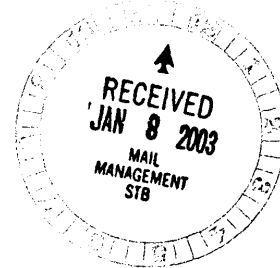
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Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 619X), CSX Transportation, Inc. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- in Allegan County, MI

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to advise the Board that Hamilton Farm Bureau hereby withdraws its offer of financial assistance in the above proceeding. As a result, no request for establishment of conditions and compensation for financial assistance will be filed on the January 8 due date. Hamilton Farm Bureau is investigating acquisition of the rail line outside the financial assistance process.

Very truly yours,

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